(c) It was made clear to the manufacturers of 6-APA on 2nd April, 1986 that future imports of Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals required for the production of 6-APA would only be allowed if Penicillin 1st Crystals are utilised in such production in the ratio of 70 per cent imports 30 per cent indigenous production.

(d) and (e) While granting import licences for Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals it is ensured that 6-APA producers have procured this intermediate in the stipulated ratio.

Economy drive in Coal India Limited

645. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has undertaken an economy drive to cut down losses from Rs. 325 crores to Rs. 180 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) All out efforts are being made to reduce cost of production and effect economy in Coal India Limited by better utilisation of men and machinery, better inventory control, reduction in administrative expenses, increase in productivity by introduction of better management practices and technology. These efforts are likely to result in an all round saving of about Rs. 100 crores during the year 1986-87.

Clearance to Reliance Industries to import capital goods without seeking MRTP clearance

646. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries Ltd., obtained clearance for importing capital goods and for tie up foreign collaboration, not only for PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid) but also for other units to make Paraxylene and Benzene without seeking or obtaining licence or MRTP clearance; and

(b) if so, under what circumstances such a clearance was given to the Reliance Industries Ltd. without the fulfilment of the requirements before the grant of clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) An Industrial Licence has been issued to M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. for the manufacture of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA). Paraxylene is an intermediate for manufacture of PTA. No separate industrial licence is required for manufacture of paraxylene as it is for captive consumption. However the unit obtained MRTP clearance from the point of investment for manufacture of paraxylene for captive consumption.

Approvals for import of capital goods and for foreign collaboration for manufacture of paraxylene for captive consumption were given in accordance with the procedure prevalent at that time.

Shortage of acitrom

647. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the persistent acute shortage of the life saving drug Acitrom, endangering the lives of thousands of persons who have undergone heart surgery for valve replacement all over the country;

(b) if so, what is the difference between the demand and supply of

this vital life saving drug and what are the reasons for its continous short supply; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to make the drug adequately available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Reports on shortage of Acitrom tablets were received from some State Drugs Control Authorities and others.

(b) Demand and supply of individual formulations is not monitored. The shortage was due to non-availability of inter-mediates requires in the production of the bulk drug 'Acenocoumarol'.

(c) The company has now overcome the difficulties and resumed normal production. Based on this Ministry's advise the manufacturer, M/s S. G. Pharmaceuticals have already rushed sufficient stocks to various parts of the country.

Improvement in NTPC

648. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) which was earlier managed efficiently, is suffering seriously problems in recent times; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to keep the unit running with efficiency for increasing the power production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in the State Electricity Boards

649. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the position of generation and plant load factor of power stations run by Electricity Boards in various States during the last six months;

(b) which States have shown improvement; and

(c) has any State shown deterioration, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A statement showing the generation and the plant load factor of State Electricity Boards during the first six months of 1986-87 compared to the same period last year is attached. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Except Rajasthan, Karnataka and Kerala, all the State Electricity Boards have shown improvement in generation. However, plant Load Factor of thermal stations run by Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Assam Electricity Boards has been lower as compared to last year.

The shortfall in generation and Plant Load Factor in the States mentioned above has been mainly on account of increase in forced outages of thermal units and low hydel reservoir level resulting in shortfall in hydro generation.